

Fall 2014



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Membership is open to all interested individuals for a \$25 tax-deductible contribution by check or online.

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## YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS VITAL TO THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE

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*If you are a member and your name is not listed, please accept our sincerest apologies and contact us at [membership@olmstedssociety.org](mailto:membership@olmstedssociety.org) so we may correct our records.*

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**NEWSLETTER, FALL 2014**

**THE  
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Greetings,

Autumn is always a season to savor the last warmth of summer. To kick off this Fall, our FLOS crew brought some warmth to the Triangle at Northwood and Akenside with our community planting project. Several neighbors chipped in to create two new beds for native plants and a few new oaks. This project was a first in our efforts partner with residents to restore plantings to green spaces ravaged by the emerald ash borer. Consider joining the effort on October 25th along Riverside Road as our Landscape crew continues their work along the Des Plaines River. If you'd rather just kick back and take it all in, consider taking one of our popular Walking Tours, your last chance this year will take place on October 26th.

With all this going on, you may be asking yourself how you could become more involved with FLOS. If you are interested, our Nominating Committee will be looking for new Board Members to help us with our programs for the upcoming year. As with any volunteer organization, the extent of the Olmsted Society's outreach to the community is directly related to the number of hours of planning and coordination offered by the talented members of our Board and Membership at large. If you would like to further assist the efforts of the Society by becoming a Board Member or simply if you would like to help out on one of our many committees, please contact me at: [president@olmstedociety.org](mailto:president@olmstedociety.org).

Thank you all, once again, for your supporting Membership in the Frederick Law Olmsted Society!

Timothy Ozga  
President, Frederick Law Olmsted Society

## COMMUNITY

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### OLMSTED LECTURE SERIES

*The Olmsted Society lecture series is held in partnership with the Riverside Public Library with lectures held in the upstairs Library Great Room. The historic space provides an intimate setting with ample seating. Many thanks to Dorothy Sikora and Janice Fisher for providing refreshments and assisting with publicity. For more information, contact the Riverside Public Library, 1 Burling Road, Riverside, IL 60546, 708-442-6366, [www.riversidelibrary.org](http://www.riversidelibrary.org), [www.olmstedsociety.org](http://www.olmstedsociety.org)*

### LECTURE NOTES

*By Rob Dixon, Co-Chair, Lecture Committee*

#### FLOS LECTURE SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

**Joel Greenberg:**

#### **WHERE DID MARTHA GO? – THE LAST PASSENGER PIGEON**



The Olmsted Society was pleased to host Joel Greenberg, Chicago's "Dean of Naturalists" on Sunday, September 14 for an inspiring talk entitled "WHERE DID MARTHA GO?"

Martha was the last passenger pigeon known to man before the species was declared extinct. Greenberg, whose book, *A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction*, details the events about this iconic bird, spearheaded the Passenger Pigeon project at the Peggy Notebaert Museum. 2014 marks the centenary when Martha died. You may reference additional details about the project at <http://www.passengerpigeon.org>. Joel Greenberg has over 25 years of experience working on natural resource related issues in the Midwest. He is currently a research associate of both the Chicago Academy of Sciences Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum and the Field Museum, and has authored several books and articles on the environment.

Joel's talk provided insight into one of the most tragic extinctions in the history of North America. Flocks of birds that numbered in the hundreds of millions were systematically wiped out by relentless hunting. The thoughtless waste of resources resulting in Passenger Pigeon extinction should be a lesson from which to learn.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society co-sponsored this lecture with the Prairie Club Conservation Committee. Many thanks to Cathy Maloney who brought this program together. A bird walk led by Prairie Club friend, Teri Radke followed the talk along the Des Plaines River near the library. The walk was led by an experienced birder and was quite productive and fun. Cedar Wax Wings, a Black Capped Night Heron, Woodpeckers, and an Eagle were spotted and enjoyed by the group. A wealth of bird life is at our doorstep in Riverside!

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### FLOS LECTURE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Marcus de la Fleur:

### A DEEP ENERGY RETROFIT CASE STUDY

The Olmsted Society hosted Marcus de la Fleur on Wednesday, October 1, in the Great Room of the Riverside Public Library, for a talk entitled "A deep energy retrofit case study."

Energy efficient upgrades to Chicago's building stock can provide excellent opportunities to make the home more economical to run, operate, maintain, and own, and provide a significantly healthier and more comfortable environment to live in. This deep energy retrofit of a typical Chicago two-flat is an excellent case study on how to incorporate energy conservation strategies into existing homes. Efficiency measures discussed: insulation strategies, a high efficiency heating system, plumbing that effectively delivers hot water and mechanical ventilation with built-in heat exchanger.

Marcus de la Fleur is a Professional Landscape Architect (PLA) and vanguard in the application of green technologies. Sustainable landscape design with ecologically sound stormwater management, as well as energy conservation in existing buildings, are the focus of his work. Marcus recently delved deep into the field of building science by conducting a successful deep energy retrofit of his 100+ year old Chicago two flat. He earned his Horticultural Diploma from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from the University of Sheffield, U.K. Marcus has contributed to multiple sustainable projects, some of them LEED certified, and has extensive field experience in sustainable technologies through his past work in Germany, Switzerland, and Great Britain.

Thank you to those who joined us for this program that relates well to issues faced by Riverside homeowners.

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### 2014 Walking Tours of Historic Riverside

Before his work on the 1893 World's Fair grounds of the White City, Frederick Law Olmsted created the storybook village of Riverside in 1869 as a place of rest and rejuvenation from the stresses of modern urban living. Today this magical place of curving streets, gas lamps, and charming parks still fulfills Olmsted's dream. It has since inspired architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Sullivan to create some of their most beautiful works. Over 80 landmark structures representing 145 years of iconic American architecture dot the village. The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside invites you to experience this very special American place, a place with a hidden history that may surprise you. Only one two-hour docent-led tour is available for this year! However, special customized group tours are available by appointment. For more information, call 708-442-7675, email [tours@olmstedsociety.org](mailto:tours@olmstedsociety.org) or visit [www.olmstedsociety.org](http://www.olmstedsociety.org).

October 26 (South)

Tours depart 2:00 PM from  
Riverside Railway Depot  
90 Bloomingbank Road, Riverside, Illinois  
(Main train station – east side of platform)  
\$15 per person  
(\$5 discount for Olmsted Society members and  
seniors 62+)



**LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NOTES**

*By Cindy Kellogg, Co-Chair, Landscape Committee*

Our summer work days working at Harrington Park have been very successful. We were able to weed, remove invasive species and mulch the south end and west side of Harrington Park. Seventeen trees were donated to the Village for planting in the public parks. They will be planted sometime late this fall.

The rest of this year's landscape workdays will be clearing, weeding, and planting along Riverside Road where the Landscape Committee has been working for the past three years. Please join us on September 13, October 4, October 25 and November 8. We'll be there from 9-12. Look for the Riverside Public Works Truck.

**2014 LANDSCAPE WORKDAYS SCHEDULE**

In 2014, we are teaming up with the Village of Riverside to help beautify our green spaces.

The parks along Riverside Road, from Ogden Avenue to the swinging bridge to Swan Pond, follow the meandering Des Plaines River. Harrington Park, along Harlem Avenue, is the most recent green space to be designated as a Public Park.

Frederick Law Olmsted designed the parks in Riverside to provide changing vistas for both pedestrians and vehicles. His plan can be better realized by reducing shrub overgrowth, eliminating weeds, and opening up the river view. Join us as we tame and then maintain your public parks of Riverside.

Sept. 13	9am-12pm	Riverside Road At Gage Road
Oct. 4	9am-12pm	Riverside Road At Gage Road
Oct. 25	9am-12pm	Riverside Road At Gage Road
Nov. 8	9am-12pm	Riverside Road At Gage Road

Look for the Riverside Public Works dump truck. Come for an hour or three, whatever your schedule allows. Supervised children are welcome. Service hour credits are available. Bring your favorite work gloves and a water bottle. All other supplies and snacks will be provided.

**FLOS at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Join us next year!**



## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE

Your support will help promote the progress of Riverside, educate residents about the history and significance of the Village, and support active involvement in its preservation and maintenance. Membership covers a calendar year and entitles you and your family members to participate in the Society's functions free-of-charge or at discounted prices, reimbursements in Riverside's co-op tree planting program, and the quarterly newsletters. Please return this form with your check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546 or go to our website [www.olmstedsociety.org](http://www.olmstedsociety.org).

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